

PROJECTIVE CROSS-RATIO ON HYPERCOMPLEX NUMBERS

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ABSTRACT. The paper presents a new cross-ratio of hypercomplex numbers based on projective geometry. We discuss the essential properties of the projective cross-ratio, notably its invariance under Möbius transformations. Applications to the geometry of conic sections and Möbius-invariant metrics on the upper half-plane are also given.

The cross-ratio is a number associated with four points, which is invariant under Möbius transformations. It has received some attention recently in the context of quarternions [3]. It is not well defined on hypercomplex numbers due to the presence of zero divisors, hence we introduce the projective cross-ratio to suit this situation.

1. PRELIMINARIES

Firstly we look at definitions of hypercomplex numbers and their properties.

1.1. Hypercomplex numbers. Up to isomorphism, there are only three 2-dimensional commutative algebras with a unit over the real numbers. Each is isomorphic to one of the following hypercomplex numbers.

Definition 1.1. Define

- complex numbers $\mathbb{C} = \{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, i^2 = -1\}$;
- dual numbers $\mathbb{D} = \{a + b\epsilon : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \epsilon^2 = 0\}$;
- double numbers $\mathbb{O} = \{a + bj : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, j^2 = 1\}$.

We use the notation $\mathbb{A} = \{a + b\iota : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ to represent any of the above.

An important quantity is the respective modulus.

Definition 1.2. Let $z = x + y\iota \in \mathbb{A}$, we define the hypercomplex conjugate as $\bar{z} = x - y\iota$. Also the hypercomplex modulus is defined as $|z|^2 = z\bar{z}$.

Definition 1.3. $a \in \mathbb{A}$ is a zero divisor or $a \mid 0$ if and only if $a \neq 0$ and there exists $b \in \mathbb{A}$ such that $ab = 0$.

Remark 1.4. $z \in \mathbb{A}$ is a zero divisor, if and only if $|z|^2 = z\bar{z} = 0$. As the set of zero divisors for \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{D} and \mathbb{O} are $\emptyset, \{r\epsilon; r \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and $\{r(1 + j); r \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{r(1 - j); r \in \mathbb{R}\}$ respectively.

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1.2. Projective geometry. The projective cross-ratio is defined on a projective space.

Definition 1.5. $\lambda \in \mathbb{A}$ is unit if it has a multiplicative inverse.

Definition 1.6. Given $x, y, u, v \in \mathbb{A}$ and not both x, y or u, v are zero. Then $(x, y) \sim (u, v)$ if and only if there exists a unit $\lambda \in \mathbb{A}$ such that $(x, y) = (\lambda u, \lambda v)$.

The hypercomplex projective space is defined as follows.

Definition 1.7. The projective space is the set of equivalence classes of the equivalence relation \sim ,

$$(1.1) \quad \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A}) = \{[x, y] : x, y \in \mathbb{A} \text{ and } x \sim y\}.$$

The following is a definition of mapping from \mathbb{A} to $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ and the other way round.

Definition 1.8. The map $\mathfrak{S} : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ is defined by $\mathfrak{S}(z) = [z, 1]$. Also the map $\mathfrak{P} : \{[x, y] : y \text{ does not divide } 0\} \mapsto \mathbb{A}$ is defined as $\mathfrak{P}((x, y)) = x/y$.

Two numbers z and w are “distinct” if $(z - w) \neq 0$.

Definition 1.9. Two points $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ are essentially distinct if $x_1 y_2 - y_1 x_2$ is not a zero divisor or zero.

Define $\underline{\infty}, \underline{1}$ and $\underline{0} \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ as notation for the equivalence classes $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ respectively. In particular, for all 3 types of hypercomplex numbers $\underline{\infty} = [z, 0]$ such that z is not a zero divisor.

Remark 1.10. Given $\underline{z} \in \mathfrak{S}(\mathbb{A})$:

- (1) $|\mathfrak{P}(\underline{z})| = |x|/|y|$,
- (2) $\mathfrak{P}(\underline{z}) = \bar{x}/\bar{y}$.

Hence the following definition:

Definition 1.11. Given $\underline{z} = (x, y) \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$

- (1) Define conjugate on projective numbers by $\underline{\bar{z}} = [\bar{x}, \bar{y}]$
- (2) Define modulus on projective numbers by $|\underline{z}|^2 = (|x|^2, |y|^2)$.

1.3. Möbius Transformations. Möbius transformations will play an important role in this paper.

Definition 1.12. A Möbius transformation is a function f , of hypercomplex variables $z \in \mathbb{A}$. It can be written in the form

$$(1.2) \quad f(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d},$$

for some $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{A}$, such that $ad - bc$ is a unit.

Definition 1.13. The General linear group is defined as $GL_2(\mathbb{A}) = \{A : \det(A) \text{ a unit}\}$. The Projective linear group is the quotient group $PGL_2(\mathbb{A}) = GL_2(\mathbb{A})/\{\lambda I : \lambda \text{ a unit}\}$

Define a mapping by a matrix $A \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$ on $\underline{z} \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ by the usual vector multiplication.

Lemma 1.14. $PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$ action on $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ is well defined.

Proof. True by linearity of \sim . \square

There is a group homomorphism from the group of Möbius transformations acting on \mathbb{A} to the group $PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$ acting on $\mathfrak{S}(\mathbb{A})$.

Remark 1.15. Given a Möbius transformation $f(z)$, $x, y \in \mathbb{A}, y \nmid 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{S}(f(x/y)) &= \mathfrak{S}\left(\frac{a(x/y) + b}{c(x/y) + d}\right) \\ &= \mathfrak{S}\left(\frac{ax + by}{cx + dy}\right) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence the representation of Möbius transformation by $PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$.

Definition 1.16. From Yaglom's book [7, p277] we define a subset of $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ as:

$$(1.3) \quad S = \{A\underline{z} : A \in GL_2(\mathbb{A}), \underline{z} \in \mathfrak{S}(\mathbb{A})\} / \{\lambda : \lambda \text{ a unit}\}.$$

Notice that S is invariant under $PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$.

Lemma 1.17. S consists of the union of $\mathfrak{S}(\mathbb{A})$, $\{\infty\}$ and one of the following:

- (1) for \mathbb{C} : the empty set,
- (2) for \mathbb{D} : the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ \epsilon \end{bmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$,
- (3) for \mathbb{O} : the set

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 1+j \end{bmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t(1-j) \\ 1+j \end{bmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \cup \\ &\quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 1-j \end{bmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t(1+j) \\ 1-j \end{bmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

2. PROJECTIVE CROSS RATIO

2.1. Möbius transformations on $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$. The paper follows Alan Beardon's book [2, Chapter 13]. Differences are:

- In [2, Thm 13.2.1], "distinct" has been replaced by "essentially distinct".
- Möbius maps have been replaced by matrices from $PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$.
- Complex numbers have been replaced by members of \mathbb{A} for use with projective points.

The following theorem relates to [2, Thm 13.2.1] and includes the definition of an important matrix.

Theorem 2.1. *Given two sets of pairwise essentially distinct points $\{\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3\}$ and $\{\underline{w}_1, \underline{w}_2, \underline{w}_3\}$ from $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$, there exists a unique matrix $A \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$, such that $A\underline{z}_i = \underline{w}_i$ for all $i = 1, 2, 3$.*

Proof. Let $\underline{z}_i = [x_i, y_i], \underline{w}_j = [u_j, v_j] \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ and define $A \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$ as

$$(2.1) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} (x_2 y_3 - x_3 y_2) y_1 & -(x_2 y_3 - x_3 y_2) x_1 \\ (x_2 y_1 - x_1 y_2) y_3 & -(x_2 y_1 - x_1 y_2) x_3 \end{pmatrix} \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A}).$$

The points are essentially distinct implies $\det(A) = (x_2 y_1 - x_1 y_2)(x_1 y_3 - x_3 y_1)(x_2 y_3 - x_3 y_2)$ does not divide zero, hence A^{-1} exists. A direct calculation shows $A\underline{z}_1 = \underline{0}, A\underline{z}_2 = \underline{1}, A\underline{z}_3 = \underline{\infty}$. Define $B = A'^{-1}$ where A' is the same as A with $x_i = u_i$ and $y_i = v_i$. Then define $M = BA$. M is the required matrix.

To prove the uniqueness, suppose that $M, N \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$ are distinct matrices, such that $M\underline{z}_i = \underline{w}_i = N\underline{z}_i$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$. Then $M^{-1}N$ fixes each \underline{z}_i . Let V be the matrix that maps $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3$ to $\underline{0}, \underline{1}, \underline{\infty}$ respectively. Then $A = V^{-1}M^{-1}NV$ is a matrix that fixes $\underline{0}, \underline{1}, \underline{\infty}$, this then must be the identity matrix. We can check this by solving the set of linear equations $A\underline{z} = \underline{z}$ for $\underline{z} = \underline{0}, \underline{1}, \underline{\infty}$. Hence as $PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$ is a group we have that $M = N$. \square

Corollary 2.2. *If a matrix A fixes three pairwise essentially distinct points, then $A = I$.*

Proof. The theorem states that there exists a unique matrix which satisfies the above property. The identity matrix satisfies the property, so it is the unique matrix. \square

2.2. Cross-Ratio.

Definition 2.3. The original cross-ratio from [2, p261] of four pairwise essentially distinct points z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 in \mathbb{A} is defined as

$$(2.2) \quad [z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4] = \frac{(z_1 - z_3)(z_2 - z_4)}{(z_1 - z_2)(z_3 - z_4)}.$$

The Projective cross-ratio is constructed from the entries from the matrix (2.1). The properties from the original cross-ratio are replicated on the projective space.

Definition 2.4. The projective cross-ratio of four distinct points $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4 \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ such that $\underline{z}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix}$, for $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ is defined as:

$$(2.3) \quad [\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4] = \left[\frac{(x_1 y_3 - x_3 y_1)(x_2 y_4 - x_4 y_2)}{(x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1)(x_3 y_4 - x_4 y_3)} \right] \in \mathbb{A}^2.$$

Four points are singular if their projective cross-ratio is not in S from Definition 1.16.

Note that for complex numbers the projective cross-ratio gives the same result:

Remark 2.5. For any pairwise distinct $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \in \mathbb{C}$:

$$(2.4) \quad [z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4] = \mathfrak{P}([\mathfrak{S}(z_1), \mathfrak{S}(z_1), \mathfrak{S}(z_1), \mathfrak{S}(z_1)])$$

where the left-hand side contains the original cross-ratio and the right-hand side, the projective one.

The following Lemmas link $\underline{0}, \underline{1}$ and $\underline{\infty} \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ to the projective cross-ratio.

Lemma 2.6. *Let $\underline{z} \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$, then $[\underline{0}, \underline{1}, \underline{z}, \underline{\infty}] = \underline{z}$*

$$\text{Proof. } [\underline{0}, \underline{1}, \underline{z}, \underline{\infty}] = \left[\frac{(0 - x)(0 - 1)}{(0 - 1)(0 - y)} \right] = \underline{z} \quad \square$$

Lemma 2.7. *Given the matrix $A \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$ which maps $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_4 \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ to $\underline{0}, \underline{1}, \underline{\infty}$ respectively, then $A\underline{z} = [\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}, \underline{z}_4]$*

Proof. Calculate $A\underline{z}$. □

The next Theorem corresponds to [2, Thm 13.4.2]. It shows a necessary and sufficient condition for an existence of a matrix $A \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$ such that A maps four essentially distinct projective points to another four.

Theorem 2.8. *Given two sets of pairwise essentially distinct points $\underline{z}_i, \underline{w}_i \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$, for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$. We have the equality $[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4] = [\underline{w}_1, \underline{w}_2, \underline{w}_3, \underline{w}_4]$ if and only if there exists $A \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$ such that $A\underline{z}_i = \underline{w}_i$.*

Proof. For sufficiency say A is the required matrix and $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, $\underline{z}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix}$, $\underline{w}_i = \begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{bmatrix}$, $A\underline{z}_i = \underline{w}_i$. Doing a substitution gives:

$$\begin{aligned} u_j v_i - u_i v_j &= (ax_j + by_j)(cx_i + dy_i) - (ax_i + by_i)(cx_j + dy_j) \\ &= (ad - bc)(x_j y_i - x_i y_j). \end{aligned}$$

Substitute this into the equation for the projective cross-ratio to give the required equivalence.

For necessity say $[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4] = [\underline{w}_1, \underline{w}_2, \underline{w}_3, \underline{w}_4]$. Let $H, G \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$ such that $G\underline{z}_1 = \underline{0}$, $G\underline{z}_2 = \underline{1}$, $G\underline{z}_4 = \underline{\infty}$, $H\underline{w}_1 = \underline{0}$, $H\underline{w}_2 = \underline{1}$, $H\underline{w}_4 = \underline{\infty}$. It then follows:

$$\begin{aligned} G\underline{z}_3 &= [\underline{0}, \underline{1}, G\underline{z}_3, \underline{\infty}] \\ &= [G\underline{z}_1, G\underline{z}_2, G\underline{z}_3, G\underline{z}_4] \\ &= [\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4] \\ &= [\underline{w}_1, \underline{w}_2, \underline{w}_3, \underline{w}_4] \\ &= [H\underline{w}_1, H\underline{w}_2, H\underline{w}_3, H\underline{w}_4] \\ &= [\underline{0}, \underline{1}, H\underline{w}_3, \underline{\infty}] \\ &= H\underline{w}_3 \end{aligned}$$

Define $F = H^{-1}G$, then $F\underline{z}_i = \underline{w}_i$ for each i . □

Proposition 2.9. *If $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4 \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ are pairwise essentially distinct points then:*

- (1) *The four points are non-singular.*
- (2) *$[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4]$ is not $\underline{0}, \underline{1}, \underline{\infty}$.*
- (3) *$[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4]$ is not in one of the sets from Lemma 1.17.*

Proof. For 1 and 3: As the \underline{z}_i are pairwise essentially distinct, then none of the values of $x_i y_j - x_j y_i$ are 0 or divide zero. So if $[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4] = [u, v]$ then neither of u, v divide zero or are zero.

For 2: Let A be the matrix such that $A\underline{z}_1 = \underline{0}, A\underline{z}_2 = \underline{1}, A\underline{z}_4 = \underline{\infty}$ then $[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4] = A\underline{z}_3$. So if $[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4] = \underline{0}, \underline{1}$ or $\underline{\infty}$ then $A\underline{z}_3 = \underline{0}, \underline{1}$ or $\underline{\infty}$. However A is injective, hence a contradiction. □

3. PERMUTATIONS

This section shows the dependence of the projective cross-ratio from cyclic permutations. The results correspond to [2, Sec 13.4].

Remark 3.1. The matrices

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$$

permutate $\underline{0}, \underline{1}, \underline{\infty}$ and correspond to the permutations

$$(3.2) \quad (\underline{0})(\underline{1})(\underline{\infty}), (\underline{1})(\underline{0})(\underline{\infty}), (\underline{0} \ \underline{1})(\underline{\infty}), (\underline{0} \ \underline{1} \ \underline{\infty}), (\underline{1} \ \underline{0} \ \underline{\infty}), (\underline{0})(\underline{1} \ \underline{\infty}),$$

respectively.

The members of (3.1) are a group closed under matrix multiplication. Each permutation of three points corresponds to a matrix in $PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$.

Proposition 3.2. *Given four non-singular pairwise distinct points $\underline{z}_i \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ and a permutation $\rho \in S_4$. If $[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4] = \underline{\lambda}$ for $\underline{\lambda} \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$, then*

$$(3.3) \quad [\underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(1)}, \underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(2)}, \underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(3)}, \underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(4)}] = F_\rho \underline{\lambda}, \text{ for } F_\rho \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A}).$$

Proof. Let $\lambda = [\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4]$ and let $A \in GL_2(\mathbb{A})$ be the matrix such that $A\underline{z}_1 = \underline{0}$, $A\underline{z}_2 = \underline{1}$, $A\underline{z}_4 = \underline{\infty}$. By the invariance of the projective cross-ratio under $PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$, we see that $A\underline{z}_3 = \underline{\lambda}$. Now

$$(3.4) \quad [\underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(1)}, \underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(2)}, \underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(3)}, \underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(4)}] = [A\underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(1)}, A\underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(2)}, A\underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(3)}, A\underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(4)}],$$

is then the projective cross-ratio of $\underline{0}, \underline{1}, \underline{\lambda}$ and $\underline{\infty}$ in some order. Hence it only relies on ρ and $\underline{\lambda}$, so is of the form $F_\rho \underline{\lambda}$. \square

Proposition 3.3. *The $F_\rho \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$, for ρ a transposition, is in (3.1).*

Proof. The proof is just calculation and so for an illustration we shall do one ex-

ample, say $\rho = (12)$, $\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$ and a matrix A from (2.1) then

$$\begin{aligned} [\underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(1)}, \underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(2)}, \underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(3)}, \underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(4)}] &= [\underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4] \\ &= [A\underline{z}_2, A\underline{z}_1, A\underline{z}_3, A\underline{z}_4] \\ &= [\underline{1}, \underline{0}, \underline{\lambda}, \underline{\infty}] \\ &= \left[\frac{(v-u)(0-1)}{(1-0)(0-v)} \right] \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Then for the others we have

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} F_{(12)} &= F_{(34)} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ F_{(23)} &= F_{(14)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ F_{(13)} &= F_{(24)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

\square

Proposition 3.4. *The matrices F_ρ from (3.1) have the property $F_{\sigma\rho} = F_\sigma F_\rho$, for $\sigma, \rho \in S_4$.*

Proof. Let $\mu = \sigma\rho$, $\underline{w}_{\rho(k)} = \underline{z}_k$ and $\underline{u}_{\sigma(j)} = \underline{w}_j$ then $\underline{u}_{\mu(k)} = \underline{u}_{\sigma(\rho(k))} = \underline{w}_{\rho(k)} = \underline{z}_k$ hence:

$$\begin{aligned} F_\sigma F_\rho [\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4] &= F_\sigma [\underline{w}_1, \underline{w}_2, \underline{w}_3, \underline{w}_4] \\ &= [\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2, \underline{u}_3, \underline{u}_4] \\ &= [\underline{z}_{\mu^{-1}(1)}, \underline{z}_{\mu^{-1}(2)}, \underline{z}_{\mu^{-1}(3)}, \underline{z}_{\mu^{-1}(4)}] \\ &= F_\mu [\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4] \end{aligned}$$

□

The previous propositions 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 are summarized in the following theorem. The theorem corresponds to [2, Thm 13.5.1].

Theorem 3.5. *For each $\rho \in S_4$ there is a matrix $F_\rho \in$*

$$\Gamma = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

which permute $\{0, 1, \infty\}$, such that for any non-singular pairwise distinct $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4$

$$(3.6) \quad [\underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(1)}, \underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(2)}, \underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(3)}, \underline{z}_{\rho^{-1}(4)}] = F_\rho [\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4].$$

So $\rho \mapsto F_\rho$ is a homomorphism of S_4 onto Γ with kernel

$$(3.7) \quad K = \{I, (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}.$$

4. CYCLES

Cycles are natural objects invariant under Möbius transformations. They are defined by any of the following equivalent equations, [6], [5] [4]:

$$\begin{aligned} Kx\bar{x} - Lx\bar{y} - \bar{L}\bar{x}y + My\bar{y} &= 0, \\ \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x} & \bar{y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} K & \bar{L} \\ -L & M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= 0, \\ \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{y} & \bar{x} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} L & -M \\ K & \bar{L} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Where $K = k\iota, M = m\iota, k, m \in \mathbb{R}, L \in \mathbb{A}$. Here is the projective version:

Definition 4.1. A cycle C is the set of points $\underline{z} \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ satisfying

$$(4.1) \quad \bar{z}^T \begin{pmatrix} K & \bar{L} \\ -L & M \end{pmatrix} \underline{z} = 0,$$

for $K = k\iota, M = m\iota, k, m \in \mathbb{R}, L \in \mathbb{A}$ with cycle matrix $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} K & \bar{L} \\ -L & M \end{pmatrix}$.

In Yaglom's book [7, p261], a cycle is defined to be the set of points satisfying $[z_1, z_2, z, z_4] = [\bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \bar{z}, \bar{z}_4]$. This is the same as an equation $Az\bar{z} + Bz - \bar{B}\bar{z} + C = 0$, hence the following proposition.

Proposition 4.2. *Let $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_4 \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ be fixed pairwise essentially distinct points. Then the set of $\underline{z} \notin \{\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_4\}$ satisfying $[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}, \underline{z}_4] = [\bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \bar{z}, \bar{z}_4]$ with the points $\{\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_4\}$, is a cycle.*

Proof. $[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}, \underline{z}_4] = [\bar{\underline{z}}_1, \bar{\underline{z}}_2, \bar{\underline{z}}, \bar{\underline{z}}_4]$ is the same as $A\underline{z} = \bar{A}\bar{\underline{z}}$ from Lemma 2.7. Implying $\bar{A}^{-1}A\underline{z} = \bar{\underline{z}}$. As

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} -\bar{y} & \bar{x} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} \\ \bar{y} \end{bmatrix} &= (0), \\ \text{then } \begin{bmatrix} -\bar{y} & \bar{x} \end{bmatrix} \bar{A}^{-1}A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= (0), \\ \underline{z}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \bar{A}^{-1}A\underline{z} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= (x_2y_1 - x_1y_2)(\bar{x}_2\bar{y}_3 - \bar{x}_3\bar{y}_2)\bar{x}_1y_3 \\ &\quad - (\bar{x}_2\bar{y}_1 - \bar{x}_1\bar{y}_2)(x_2y_3 - x_3y_2)x_1\bar{y}_3, \\ K' &= (\bar{x}_2\bar{y}_1 - \bar{x}_1\bar{y}_2)(x_2y_3 - x_3y_2)x_1\bar{x}_3, \\ M' &= (\bar{x}_2\bar{y}_1 - \bar{x}_1\bar{y}_2)(x_2y_3 - x_3y_2)y_1\bar{y}_3. \text{ Hence:} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \bar{A}^{-1}A &= \frac{1}{\det(\bar{A})} \begin{pmatrix} (K' - \bar{K}') & \bar{L} \\ -L & M' - \bar{M}' \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

which is a cycle matrix. \square

Corollary 4.3. Any three pairwise essentially distinct points $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2$ and \underline{z}_4 define a cycle, via Proposition 4.2. In particular, the \underline{z}_i are in that cycle.

Example 4.4. If cycle contains $\underline{0}, \underline{a}$ and $\infty, a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, then it is the real line. As

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} K & \bar{L} \\ -L & M \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= M = 0, \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} K & \bar{L} \\ -L & M \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} &= K = 0, \\ \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{L} \\ -L & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= a(\bar{L} - L) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$L \in \mathbb{R}$. Cycle matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ -b & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, for $b \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, is then the matrix representing the real line. Similarly if $\underline{0}, \underline{a}$ and ∞ , for $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, are in a cycle then it is the imaginary axis, with cycle matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -b\iota \\ -b\iota & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $b \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$.

Remark 4.5. From the known property of determinant

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\bar{A}^{-1}A) &= \det(\bar{A}^{-1})\det(A) \\ &= \frac{(x_2y_1 - x_1y_2)(x_2y_4 - x_4y_2)(x_1y_4 - x_4y_1)}{(\bar{x}_2\bar{y}_1 - \bar{x}_1\bar{y}_2)(\bar{x}_2\bar{y}_4 - \bar{x}_4\bar{y}_2)(\bar{x}_1\bar{y}_4 - \bar{x}_4\bar{y}_1)} = |L|^2 + KM. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 4.6. A set of distinct points $\{\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \dots, \underline{z}_n\} \subset \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ are concyclic if and only if they satisfy $\bar{\underline{z}}_k \mathbf{C} \underline{z}_k = 0$ for the same cycle matrix \mathbf{C} .

This definition provides the following theorem related to the results [7, p275. (42a)], [2, Thm 13.4.4].

Corollary 4.7. Four pairwise distinct points $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \in \mathbb{A}$, are concyclic in \mathbb{A} if and only if $\mathfrak{S}(z_i)$ for all $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ are also concyclic.

Proof. Four distinct points in \mathbb{A} are concyclic if and only if the original cross-ratio of them is real, from [7, p275,(42a)]. Let $\underline{z}_i = \mathfrak{S}(z_i)$ for each i , and $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4$ be concyclic in $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$. Then let $\underline{\lambda} = [\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4]$. Since $\underline{\lambda} = \bar{\underline{\lambda}}$ then $\mathfrak{P}(\underline{\lambda}) \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence due to 2.5 the original cross-ratio is real. So the points z_i are concyclic. The necessity follows similarly. If $z_i \in \mathbb{A}$ are concyclic, $\mathfrak{S}(z_i)$ are also concyclic. \square

Definition 4.8. A cycle C , with cycle matrix \mathbf{C} , is mapped by a matrix $A \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$, to the cycle C' with cycle matrix $\mathbf{C}' = \bar{A}^T \mathbf{C} A$.

This leads to a proposition about points on two interconnecting cycles [2, Exercise 13.4], which only applies to \mathbb{O} and \mathbb{C} .

Proposition 4.9. For $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{O}$ or \mathbb{C} : Given two distinct intersecting cycles C, C' and four pairwise essentially distinct points $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4 \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$, such that $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_4 \in C$ and $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4 \in C'$. The C and C' can be mapped to the real and imaginary axes by a matrix $A \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$ if and only if $[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4]$ is on the imaginary axis.

Proof. Say $[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4]$ is on the imaginary axis, then let A be the matrix from (2.1) with \underline{z}_3 replaced by \underline{z}_4 . Say A has mapped C and C' to R and I respectively. Notice $A\underline{z}_1 = \underline{0}, A\underline{z}_4 = \underline{\infty} \in R \cup I$, $A\underline{z}_2 = \underline{1} \in R$ and $[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4] = A\underline{z}_3 = [t\underline{\iota}, 1] \in I$, for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then due to Example (4.4) we conclude R is the real axis and I is the imaginary axis.

Say there exists a matrix $A \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$, such that it maps C to the real axis and C' to the imaginary axis. As \underline{z}_1 and \underline{z}_4 are on C and C' , $A\underline{z}_1$ and $A\underline{z}_4$ are both on the real and imaginary axis. So $A\underline{z}_1, A\underline{z}_4 \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{\infty}\}$. Say $A\underline{z}_2 = [r, 1]$ and $A\underline{z}_3 = [t\underline{\iota}, 1], r, t \in \mathbb{R}$, then:

$$\begin{aligned} [\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4] &= [A\underline{z}_1, A\underline{z}_2, A\underline{z}_3, A\underline{z}_4], \\ &= \begin{cases} \text{if } A\underline{z}_1 = \underline{0} & [\underline{0}, [r, 1], [t\underline{\iota}, 1], \underline{\infty}] = [t\underline{\iota}, 1], \\ \text{if } A\underline{z}_4 = \underline{0} & [\underline{\infty}, [r, 1], [t\underline{\iota}, 1], \underline{0}] = [1, t\underline{\iota}] = [\frac{1}{t}\underline{\iota}, \underline{\iota}^2]. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

For both values of $A\underline{z}_1, [\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4]$ is then on the imaginary axis. \square

This suggests the following definition:

Definition 4.10. For $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{O}$ or \mathbb{C} : Two cycles C, C' are projective-orthogonal if and only if there exists four pairwise distinct points $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4$ such that $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_4 \in C \cap C'$, $\underline{z}_2 \in C, \underline{z}_3 \in C'$ and $[\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3, \underline{z}_4]$ is on the imaginary axis.

This is then similar to cycle-orthogonality defined in [6, Sec 5.3] [5], given as:

Definition 4.11. The cycle product of two cycles C, C' with cycle matrices \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{C}' is

$$(4.2) \quad \langle \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{C}' \rangle = -tr \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{C} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{C}}' \right),$$

where the r.h.s. is the product of matrices. The two cycles are then cycle-orthogonal if $\langle \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{C}' \rangle = 0$.

Lemma 4.12. For all $A \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$ and cycles C and C' ,

$$(4.3) \quad \langle \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{C}' \rangle = \det(A)^2 \langle \bar{A}^T \mathbf{C} A, \bar{A}^T \mathbf{C}' A \rangle.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \bar{A}^T \mathbf{C} A, \bar{A}^T \mathbf{C}' A \rangle &= -\text{tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \bar{A}^T \mathbf{C} A \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} A^T \bar{\mathbf{C}}' \bar{A} \right), \\
&= -\text{tr} \left(\det(A)^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \bar{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{C} A \right. \\
&\quad \left. \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{C}}' \bar{A} \right), \\
&= -\text{tr} \left(\det(A)^2 \bar{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{C} A A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{C}}' \bar{A} \right) \\
&= \det(A)^2 \langle \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{C}' \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

□

We can then show the equivalence of cycle-orthogonal and projective-orthogonal.

Theorem 4.13. *For $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{O}$ or \mathbb{C} : Two distinct cycles C, C' are projective-orthogonal if and only if they are cycle-orthogonal.*

Proof. Say you can map C to the real line defined by the cycle matrix $\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & l \\ -l & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ for some $l \in \mathbb{R}$, and C' to the imaginary line defined by the cycle matrix $\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & r\iota \\ r\iota & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $r \in \mathbb{R}$ both by the same matrix B . Then by Lemma 4.12

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{C}' \rangle &= -\det(B)^2 \text{tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{I}} \right) \\
&= \det(B)^2 (-lr\iota + lr\iota) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Say $\langle \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{C}' \rangle = 0$, and $\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \underline{z}_3 \in C$ are distinct points. Let $A \in PGL_2(\mathbb{A})$ be the matrix such that $A\underline{z}_1 = \underline{0}$, $A\underline{z}_2 = \underline{1}$ and $A\underline{z}_3 = \underline{\infty}$, then $\bar{A}^T \mathbf{C} A = \mathbf{R}$. Let $\bar{A}^T \mathbf{C}' A = \begin{pmatrix} K' & \bar{L}' \\ -L' & M' \end{pmatrix}$, then by Lemma 4.12:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{C}' \rangle &= -\det(A)^2 \text{tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{K}' & L' \\ -\bar{L}' & \bar{M}' \end{pmatrix} \right), \\
&= -\det(A)^2 \text{tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} l & 0 \\ 0 & l \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{L}' & -\bar{M}' \\ \bar{K}' & L' \end{pmatrix} \right), \\
&= -\det(A)^2 \text{tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} l\bar{L}' & -l\bar{M}' \\ l\bar{K}' & lL' \end{pmatrix} \right), \\
&= -\det(A)^2 (l\bar{L}' + Ll) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

This implies $L' = -\bar{L}$, hence $L = r\iota$, $r \in \mathbb{R}$. So $\bar{A}^T \mathbf{C}' A = \mathbf{I}$.

□

5. LOBACHEVSKIAN GEOMETRY

Lobachevskian geometry (Hyperbolic Geometry) is defined in the upper half plane — $\mathbb{H} = \{x + y\iota, x, y \in \mathbb{R}, y > 0\}$. It is a non-Euclidean geometry, where for every point P and line L not intersecting P , there are an infinite number of lines

through P which never cross L , [2, Section 5.1]. The Lobachevskian distance on \mathbb{H} is defined as a metric which is invariant under Möbius transformations.

Definition 5.1. [2, Chapter 14] Given $z, w \in \mathbb{H}$, take C to be the circle perpendicular to the real line such that $z, w \in C$. Let $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ be the points where C intersect the real line. The Lobachevskian distance $\rho(z, w)$ from z to w is defined as

$$(5.1) \quad \rho(z, w) = \ln([u, z, w, v]),$$

from the original Cross-ratio 2.3.

Notice that $[u, z, w, v]$ is real as u, z, v and w are concyclic. The following expressions are linked to the Lobachevskian distance [1, Thm 7.2.1].

Theorem 5.2. *For any $z, w \in \mathbb{H}$ the Lobachevskian distance satisfy:*

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(z, w) &= \ln \left| \frac{|z - \bar{w}| + |z - w|}{|z - \bar{w}| - |z - w|} \right|, \\ \cosh^2 \left(\frac{\rho(z, w)}{2} \right) &= \frac{|z - \bar{w}|^2}{4\Im(z)\Im(w)}, \\ \sinh^2 \left(\frac{\rho(z, w)}{2} \right) &= \frac{|z - w|^2}{4\Im(z)\Im(w)}, \\ \tanh^2 \left(\frac{\rho(z, w)}{2} \right) &= \frac{|z - w|^2}{|z - \bar{w}|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The property $\tanh^2(\rho(z, w)/2) = |z - w|^2/|z - \bar{w}|^2 = [w, \bar{z}, z, \bar{w}]$ is used to define the projective Lobachevskian distance.

Definition 5.3. Let $\underline{z}, \underline{w} \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ be essentially distinct points such that \underline{z} and \underline{w} are also essentially distinct. The tanh-projective Lobachevskian distance d between $\underline{z}, \underline{w}$ is defined as

$$(5.2) \quad d(\underline{z}, \underline{w}) = \Re([w, \bar{z}, z, \bar{w}]).$$

The projective Lobachevskian distance $\delta(\underline{z}, \underline{w})$ is then defined by

$$(5.3) \quad \tanh^2(\delta(\underline{z}, \underline{w})/2) = d(\underline{z}, \underline{w})$$

Note that $d(\underline{z}, \underline{w}) = r \in \mathbb{R}$ as $[\underline{w}, \bar{z}, z, \bar{w}] = F_{(1 \ 4)(2 \ 3)}[\underline{w}, \bar{z}, z, \bar{w}] = [\underline{w}, \bar{z}, z, \bar{w}]$.

Remark 5.4. Given $\underline{z}, \underline{w} \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$, there are the following relations for the tanh-Lobachevskian metric:

- (1) It is invariant under conjugation, $d(\underline{z}, \underline{w}) = d(\bar{z}, \bar{w})$.
- (2) It's symmetric, $d(\underline{z}, \underline{w}) = d(\underline{w}, \underline{z})$.
- (3) $d(\bar{z}, \underline{w}) = 1/d(\underline{z}, \underline{w})$.

There is an equivalent to Theorem 5.2 with the projective Lobachevskian distance.

Theorem 5.5. For $\underline{z}, \underline{w} \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(\underline{z}, \underline{w}) &= \ln \left(\frac{d(\underline{z}, \underline{w})^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1}{1 - d(\underline{z}, \underline{w})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right), \\ \cosh^2 \left(\frac{\delta(\underline{z}, \underline{w})}{2} \right) &= \frac{1}{1 - d(\underline{z}, \underline{w})}, \\ \sinh^2 \left(\frac{\delta(\underline{z}, \underline{w})}{2} \right) &= \frac{d(\underline{z}, \underline{w})^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1 - d(\underline{z}, \underline{w})}.\end{aligned}$$

Proof. As $\tanh(x/2) = (e^x - 1)/(e^x + 1)$, the values can be quickly calculated.

Then from Remark 2.5 we know $d(\underline{z}, \underline{w}) = |z - w|^2 / |z - \bar{w}|$ for $\mathfrak{S}(z) = \underline{z}$, $\mathfrak{S}(w) = \underline{w}$. Hence we can show the similarity with Theorem 5.2 by:

$$(5.4) \quad \delta(\underline{z}, \underline{w}) = \ln \left(\frac{d(\underline{z}, \underline{w})^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1}{1 - d(\underline{z}, \underline{w})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) = \ln \left(\frac{\frac{|z-w|}{|z-\bar{w}|} + 1}{1 - \frac{|z-w|}{|z-\bar{w}|}} \right) = \rho(\underline{z}, \underline{w}).$$

Similar calculations give the values for $\sinh(\delta/2)$ and $\cosh(\delta/2)$. \square

The Lobachevskian distance is invariant under $PGL_2(\mathbb{R})$ as shown in the next theorem.

Theorem 5.6. For all $A \in PGL_2(\mathbb{R})$, and $\underline{z}, \underline{w} \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ there exists the following identity: $\delta(A\underline{z}, A\underline{w}) = \delta(\underline{z}, \underline{w})$.

Proof. We calculate:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(A\underline{z}, A\underline{w}) &= \ln \left(\frac{d(A\underline{z}, A\underline{w})^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1}{1 - d(A\underline{z}, A\underline{w})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \\ &= \ln \left(\frac{\mathfrak{P}([A\underline{w}, \bar{A}\bar{\underline{z}}, A\underline{z}, \bar{A}\bar{\underline{w}}])^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1}{1 - \mathfrak{P}([A\underline{w}, \bar{A}\bar{\underline{z}}, A\underline{z}, \bar{A}\bar{\underline{w}}])^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \\ &= \ln \left(\frac{\mathfrak{P}([A\underline{w}, A\underline{\bar{z}}, A\underline{z}, A\underline{\bar{w}}])^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1}{1 - \mathfrak{P}([A\underline{w}, A\underline{\bar{z}}, A\underline{z}, A\underline{\bar{w}}])^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \\ &= \ln \left(\frac{d(\underline{z}, \underline{w})^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1}{1 - d(\underline{z}, \underline{w})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) = \delta(\underline{z}, \underline{w}).\end{aligned}$$

Here we used that A is a real matrix. \square

Proposition 5.7. For $\underline{z}, \underline{w} \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{A})$ such that $\mathfrak{P}(\underline{z}), \mathfrak{P}(\underline{w}) \in \mathbb{H}$, $\delta(\underline{z}, \underline{w}) = \rho(\mathfrak{P}(\underline{z}), \mathfrak{P}(\underline{w}))$.

Proof. Take $\underline{z} = (x, y)$, $\underline{w} = (u, v)$ then let $z = \mathfrak{P}(\underline{z}) = x/y$, $w = \mathfrak{P}(\underline{w}) = u/v$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\tanh^2(\rho(z, w)/2) &= \frac{|z - w|^2}{|z - \bar{w}|^2} = \frac{|x/y - u/v|^2}{|x/y - \bar{u}/\bar{v}|^2} = \frac{|xv - uy|^2/|vy|^2}{|x\bar{v} - \bar{u}y|^2/|\bar{v}y|^2} \\ &= \mathfrak{P} \left(\frac{|xv - uy|^2}{|x\bar{v} - \bar{u}y|^2} \right) = \mathfrak{P}([\underline{w}, \bar{\underline{z}}, \underline{z}, \bar{\underline{w}}]) \\ &= d(\underline{z}, \underline{w}) = \tanh^2(\delta(\underline{z}, \underline{w})/2).\end{aligned}$$

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